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SUBJECT: SOME COMMENTS ON UNESCO MATTERS BY ISRAELI OFFICIAL

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 10141, (B) JERUSALEM 2083

1. AT SOCIAL EVENT EVENING DECEMBER 13, MFA OFFICIAL PRIMOR TOLD DPO THAT UNESCO TEAM LED BY HENRI HAS LEFT ISRAEL AND IS GOING TO NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES WHOSE LANDS OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL-JORDAN, SYRIA, AND EGYPT. IT WILL ALSO SEE PLO OFFICIALS. AFTER VISITS TO THOSE COUNTRIES, TEAM PLANS TO RETURN TO ISRAEL PROBABLY IN FEBRUARY AND WOULD THEN PREPARE REPORT FOR M'BOW ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS FIELDS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AS TO WHOM THE TEAM TALKED ON WEST BANK, PRIMOR SAID THAT AMONG THE MAYORS TEAM ONLY SAY MAYOR FREIJ BECUAE HEBRON'S QAWASIMA HAD A SCHEDULING PROBLEM
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AND NABLUS' SHA'KA WAS ABROAD. ISRAELIS DID NOT OFFER TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH ANY OTHER MAYORS FOR FEAR THAT TEAM MIGHT SUSPECT THAT SUCH MAYORS WERE SPECIAL ISRAELI PETS.

3. REGARDING CURRENT VISIT BY LEMAIRE TO LOOK OVER ARCHEO-

LOGICAL DIGS IN JERUSALEM, PRIMOR SIAD THAT DIGGING AROUND
TEMPLE MOUNT HAS ENDED. HOWEVER, PRIMOR SAID GOI
DOES NOT WANT TO DECLARE WORK OFFICIALLY COMPLETED
BECAUSE THIS WOULD AROUSE INTEREST OF MINISTRY OF
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS IN ADMINISTERING THE AREA. AS TO
OPHEL AREA OUTSIDE OLD CITY WALLS, PRIMOR SAYS THAT
LEMAIRE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THERE IS NO ACTIVITY
GOING ON AND THAT NO MONEY HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR ANY
WORK THERE. COMMENT: THIS MAY MEAN THAT PRIVATELY-
FINANCED DIGS IN OPHEL HAVE BEEN POST-PONED BY ISRAELI
AUTHORITIES. IF LEMAIER GETS IN TOUCH WITH US AS
PARIS 355544 INDICATED, WE WILL QUESTION HIM ABOUT
SITUATION IN OPHEL.
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